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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/718,364

Applicant(s)

SUZUKI ET AL.

Examiner

Huan H. Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2, 6
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-7 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, "the laser beam emitting side" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 3, "the semiconductor lasers" lacks antecedent basis.

Claim 6, "the laser beams", "the laser beam emitting side" lack antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kazuo (JP 61-206286 cited in the IDS filed 01/12/02).

As to claims 1, 2, Kazuo discloses a semiconductor laser array comprising:

a chip (9) having a plurality of luminous spots; and

a silicon mount (1) for mounting said chip by means of solder (7);

said plurality of luminous spots projecting toward the laser beam emitting side (11) from the corresponding end facet of said mount.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3, 4, 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazuo in view of Iwase (US Patent 6034982 cited in the IDS filed on 02/23/01).

As to claims 3, 4 and 5, Kazuo discloses everything except that it does not explicitly teach that the semiconductor lasers of the semiconductor laser array are buried heterojunction type lasers bonded to a substrate in a junction down fashion, and that the laser are driven independently.

Iwase teaches a semiconductor laser array wherein the lasers are buried heterojunction type lasers, wherein the lasers are bonded to a substrate in a junction down fashion, and wherein the lasers are driven independently.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Iwase into that of Kazuo in order to improve the heat emitting efficiency of the semiconductor lasers.

7. Claims 6, 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 10-48557 cited in the IDS filed on 02/23/01 in view of Kazuo.

JP 10-48557 discloses an optical scanner comprising:

a light source (1);

a scanning unit (2);

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a focusing lens (4) made of plastic (note the description of JP 10-48557 given in the specification of the present application on page 4).

JP 10-48557 does not show the particular of the light source as recited in the claims.

Kazuo teaches the claimed light source as discussed earlier.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the semiconductor laser array taught be Kazuo as the light source in the optical scanner of JP 10-48557 for higher operating speed and resolution. With the particular arrangement of the lasers with respect to the submount, the areas nears the luminous spots are substantially not influenced by the soldering to reduce the residual stress that appears after the soldering.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huan H. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-0749. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F with Monday off, from 7:30am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin Fuller can be reached on (703) 308-0079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1749.



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